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SUBJECT: CCMS: ROAD SAFETY: MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION PROJECT

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL WITH CORNELIS (PRESIDENT OF CITA) WHO GAVE US FOLLOWING INFO: THERE ARE NO RPT NO EXPENSES INVOLVED, SHOULD NHTSA DECIDE TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CITA, BEYOND (A) COST OF SENDING DELEGATIONS TO PLENARY SESSIONS (WHICH HELD EVERY 12 TO 14 MONTHS); AND (B) COST OF HOSTING PLENARY SESSIONS FROM TIME TO TIME. FYI: COST OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIAT ARE PROVIDED FOR BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH DOES NOT REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM MEMBERS. END FYI.

2. SITE OF CITA PLENARY SESSIONS ROTATES ON VOLUNTARY BASIS AMONG 19 MEMBER COUNTRIES. NEXT SESSION WHICH US (NHTSA) COULD ATTEND IS SCHEDULED FOR GENEVA MAY 23-30, 1975 WITH SWISS AS HOSTS. SHOULD NHTSA WISH TO JOIN CITA, CORNELIS SUGGESTS THAT IT INFORM HIM ASAP, PLAN TO GO TO GENEVA AS OBSERVER, AND BECOME FULL MEMBER OF CITA DURING PLENARY SESSION AS SOON AS FULL CITA MEMBERSHIP

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APPROVES APPLICATION. CORNELIS INDICATED THIS WOULD

BE ONLY A FORMALITY WHICH CITA WOULD APPROVE ON THE SPOT
ACCORDING TO ITS REGULATIONS. HE WOULD WELCOME NHTSA
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

3. FEBRUARY 3-4 CITA MEETING CITED IN REFTTEL WILL BE
ONLY A PREPARATORY SESSION, HELD IN MUNICH, CHAIRED
BY CORNELIS AS PRESIDENT, WITH WEST GERMAN, BRITISH AND
SWEDISH VICE PRESIDENTS PARTICIPATING. AMONG OTHER
ITEMS OF BUSINESS AT FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE TUNISIAN
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CITA. CORNELIS TOLD US HE
WOULD BE HAPPY TO ALERT OTHER CITA MEMBERS TO NHTSA
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IF THAT IS COMMUNICATED TO
HIM PRIOR TO FEBRUARY MEETING. FEBRUARY DATE IS NOT
CRITICAL AND NHTSA MAY GO DIRECTLY TO GENEVA PLENARY
SESSION. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, FACILITATE PROCESSING OF
NHTSA APPLICATION TO COMMUNICATE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TO CORNELIS AND PRIOR TO FEBRUARY PREPARATORY SESSION.

4. CORNELIS (WHOSE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 513.52.04, NOT
THAT PROVIDED IN REFTTEL) SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO MR. PARKER
OF NHTSA ON DECEMBER 24 REQUESTING INFO ON POSSIBLE US
DELEGATION TO MAY CITA PLENARY SESSION. EMBASSY WOULD
BE HAPPY TO ACT AS CHANNEL FOR NHTSA TO CORNELIS
ON BOTH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND COMPOSITION OF
US DEL. PLEASE ADVISE. FIRESTONE

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